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40. A method for automatic information reporting by an electronic intermediary comprising:

- connecting electronically said electronic intermediary to an information provider;
- collecting electronically information from said information provider;
- processing electronically the information collected electronically from said information provider to obtain processed information; and
- preparing electronically an electronic information report using the processed information.

41. The method according to claim 40, wherein said information provider comprises a tax data provider, said information comprises tax data, said processed information comprises processed tax data, and said electronic information report comprises an electronic tax return.--

REMARKS

The above amendments have been made to place the application in better form for examination. Applicant hereby requests an action on the merits at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,



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